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SUBJECT: FY 75 CU PROGRAM - BASKETBALL COACH

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1. FOLLOWING ARE CALCULATIONS OF PROPOSED TOBIAS GRANT
EXTENSION BASED ON HIS CURRENT ALLOWANCE LEVELS:

A) STIPEND, 12 MOS. AT 1500 DOLS 18,000

B) HOUSING ALLOWANCE, 12 MOS. AT 200 2,400

C) EDUCATION ALLOWANCE, 2 CHILDREN AT 1,150 2,300

TOTAL 24,700

2. TOBIAS DEMANDS AS STATED REFTTEL:

A) STIPEND INCREASE 1,000

B) HOME LEAVE TRAVEL FOR FAMILY (EST.) 3,320

GRAND TOTAL 29,020

3. DEPT RECOGNIZES TOBIAS' OUTSTANDING EFFECTIVENESS UNDER
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UNIQUE AND DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES.

4. HOWEVER, CONGRESSIONAL RESTRICTIONS ON FUNDING
DEPENDENT TRAVEL PROHIBIT USE OF CU FUNDS FOR TOBIAS

FAMILY HOME LEAVE.

5. FURTHERMORE, SOMALIA IS SOLE COUNTRY IN AFRICA WITH
FULBRIGHT TYPE PROGRAM THAT DOES NOT CONTRIBUTE TO
GRANTEE'S SUPPORT. IN THIS REGARD, BOTH AS MATTER OF
PRINCIPLE AND ECONOMICS, PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER APPROACHES
TO GSDR RE COST SHARING ARE FEASIBLE, E.G. DEPENDENTS'
TRAVEL, STIPEND, OR HOUSING ALLOWANCE. CONTRIBUTION
WOULD INDICATE EVIDENCE OF GOOD FAITH AND STRENGTHEN
JUSTIFICATION FOR RENEWING EXCEPTIONALLY GENEROUS GRANT,
WHICH IS ALREADY ONE OF HIGHEST TO SINGLE INDIVIDUAL IN
AFRICA.

6. DEPT IS PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE EQUITABLE CONTRACT BASED
ON FIGURES PARA 1 ABOVE AND EMBASSY RESPONSE PARA 5.
HOWEVER WISH REMIND POST POSSIBILITY OF ENGAGING
EXCELLENT REPLACEMENT (MARCUS OI OF JAN. 9). IN ANY
EVENT, WE ASSUME POST WISHES CONTINUE BASKETBALL COACH
PROGRAM, REQUIRING RECRUITMENT NEW SPORTS ADVISOR, IF NOT
THIS YEAR, THEN IN 1976.

7. APPRECIATE CABLE REPLY SOONEST. INGERSOLL

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